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“MAYAN WEAVERS PAINTING WITH THREAD” WILL BE FEATURED AT PEOPLE’S GALLERY THROUGH THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LOCAL ARTIST JANICE WALPOLE

El Paso, Texas; October 23, 2003 - The City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department is pleased to present photography exhibit “Mayan Weavers Painting with Thread” by local artist Janice Walpole at the People’s Gallery located on the 1st floor of City Hall. **The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Wednesday, November 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The exhibit will be featured through January 30, 2004.**

Janice Walpole’s first art teacher was her mother, herself an aspiring artist. Encouraged by her parents to pursue a career in the arts, she began her formal art education by earning a four year student scholarship to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. There she studied gesture, contour, and form while drawing from the live model. With this experience, she began a lifetime commitment to addressing the human form in art.

Walpole later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commercial Art from Sam Houston State University. Thereafter, she married and raised two daughters. She entered the Art Department at the University of Texas at El Paso in 1983 as a full-time student and studied under artists Mark Pearlman and Rachelle Thiewes. An accomplished painter and photographer, Ms. Walpole has traveled to places such as Guatemala, Honduras and Chiapas in search of inspiration. Her work has been exhibited at various juried shows and galleries.

The People’s Gallery is presented by the City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department. The mission of the City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department is to deliver high quality arts and cultural experiences, and showcase El Paso as an international cultural destination.